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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES BEFORE
THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS CLUB OF WARSAW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. I AM PLEASED TO RETURN AGAIN TO THE FOREIGN
PRESS CLUB. A CERTAIN FEELING OF TREPIDATION, HOWEVER, ALWAYS
ACCOMPANIES SUCH APPEARANCES BEFORE JOURNALISTS. AN ENGLISH
WRITER SOME YEARS AGO OBSERVED: "IN THE OLD DAYS THEY HAD THE
RACK, NOW THEY HAVE THE PRESS." I WILL TRY TO MAKE MY DISCOMFORT
- AND YOUR'S - BRIEF.

3. WE HAVE REACHED A MOMENT OF BOTH EXPECTATION AND SATIS-
FACTION IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. FIRST
SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK SOON WILL BECOME THE HIGHEST RANKING
POLISH LEADER TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES
SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. HIS VISIT NOT ONLY SIGNALS THE HEALTHY
STATE OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS BUT ALSO THE DETERMINATION
OF PRESIDENT FORD TO CONTINUE HIS PREDECESSOR'S COMMITMENT TO
SUBSTITUTE COOPERATION FOR CONFRONTATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS.
IN AN ERA IN WHICH HUMAN EXISTENCE ITSELF HANGS IN DELICATE
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BALANCE, PRESIDENT FORD AND ALL AMERICANS RECOGNIZE THAT

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS DIALOGUE, HARMONY, AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG ALL NATIONS.

4. SECRETARY GIEREK'S VISIT, WHILE DRAMATIZING THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION ASSIGNS TO EAST/WEST DETENTE, CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE LARGER CONTEXT OF HISTORY. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN LINKED SINCE THE DAYS OF PULASKI AND KOSCIUSZKO BY COMMON VALUES, TRADITIONS, AND ASPIRATIONS. ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND AT THE NEGOTIATION TABLE AFTER WORLD WAR I, AMERICANS STRUGGLED FOR THE REEMERGENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT POLISH STATE FOLLOWING A CENTURY OF OPPRESSION. IN WORLD WAR TWO, OUR SOLDIERS FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE AGAINST A COMMON ADVERSARY. SINCE 1945, THE UNITED STATES REPEATEDLY HAS AFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RENEWAL OF POLAND FROM THE DEVASTATING SCARS OF WAR.

5. BESIDES THE BROAD HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK, SECRETARY GIEREK'S VISIT ALSO ACCENTS THE RAPID PACE WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN MOVING IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE BOLD INITIATIVES BY THE UNITED STATES TO DISSOLVE LINGERING DIFFERENCES WITH CHINA AND WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE PROSPERED. THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, HAS AMPLY EXHIBITED SPECIAL INTEREST IN POLAND AND IN THE POLISH PEOPLE FOR WHOM AMERICANS FEEL A DEEP AFFINITY AND AFFECTION. PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO WARSAW IN 1972 WAS AN IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN THIS TREND. BUT THAT SINGLE EVENT WAS ONLY THE MOST VISIBLE SYMBOL OF A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ACCELERATED ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE. MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AT VARIOUS LEVELS HAVE BECOME FREQUENT AND FRUITFUL. TRADE HAS EXPANDED DRAMATICALLY, A TREND WHICH WE ARE CERTAIN WILL CONTINUE. CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC INTERCOURSE BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES HAS WIDENED. STILL MORE IMPORTANT, CONTACTS AMONG THE AVERAGE CITIZENS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME COMMONPLACE, ASSOCIATED PARTLY WITH FAMILY TIES, BUT ALSO WITH INCREASED TOURISM AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. THIS CULTIVATION OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNICATION IS, WE BELIEVE, THE FOUNDATION FOR AN ENDURING STRUCTURE OF WORLD PEACE.

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6. SECRETARY GIEREK'S VISIT WILL NOT BE A BEGINNING, BUT A CONTINUATION. IT WILL NOT LIKELY BRING ANY SPECTACULAR DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OUR RELATIONS ALREADY HAVE REACHED A HIGH PLATEAU OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTEREST. PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY GIEREK SHARE SIMILAR BACKGROUNDS OF EXPERIENCE, PRACTICAL POLITICIANS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS. BUT A MORE IMPORTANT SHARED VALUE WHICH THEY WILL DISCOVER DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS WILL BE

A COMMITMENT TO DIVERT THE ENERGIES OF ALL NATIONS FROM
WAR AND CONFLICT TO THE VITAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TASKS
FACING AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD COMMUNITY.
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